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CROP PRODUCTION



Maryland: Based on conditions October 1st, corn and soybean production are expected to be down from 2000, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn production is

forecast at 59 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year, but up 77 percent from 1999. Yield is projected at 138 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from last year's estimate of 155 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record. According to the Crop Progress Report for October 1st, corn condition stood at 20 percent excellent, 44 percent good, 22 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor, with 34% harvested.

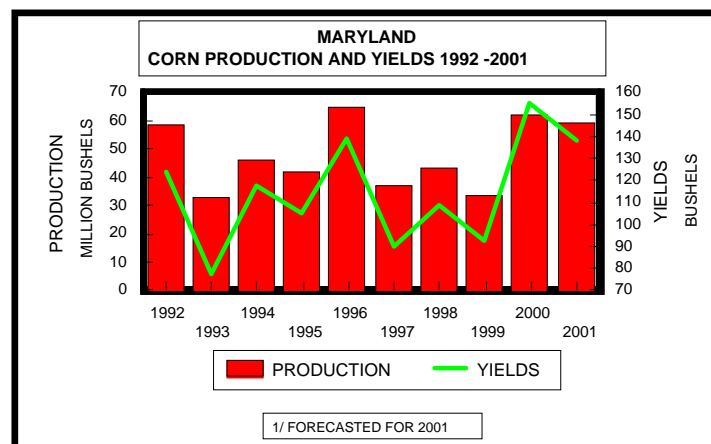
Soybean production is forecast at 20 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year, but up 38 percent from 1999. If realized, this will be the third largest production on record. Yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from 2000's final estimate of 43 bushels per acre. From the October 1st Crop Progress Report, soybean condition was rated 17 percent excellent, 54 percent good, 20 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

Tobacco production is forecast at 2.4 million pounds for 2001, down 71 percent from 2000's production level of 8.3 million pounds. This dramatic decrease in production is due to the Maryland tobacco buyout program. Yield is projected at 1,400 pounds per acre. The October 1 Crop Progress Report indicated that 98% of the crop had been harvested.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 9.43 billion bushels, up 2 percent from September but down 5 percent from 2000. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 136.3

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bushels per acre, up 2.8 bushels from September. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1997 but the third highest yield on record.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 2.91 billion bushels, up 3 percent from September 1, and 5 percent above 2000. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 1.1 bushels above 2000.

U.S. tobacco production is forecast at 1.04 billion pounds, 1 percent above the September 1 forecast but down 1 percent from 2000. If realized, this will be the smallest production since 1932.

Acreage, Yield, and Production 2000 and 2001

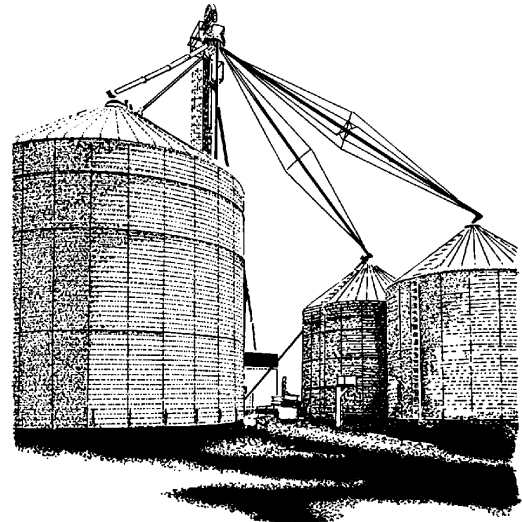
Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	480	510	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	405	430	155	138	62,775	59,340
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	70	²	20	²	1,400	²
Soybeans	BU	520	520	515	510	43	39	22,145	19,890
Sorghum ¹	BU	10	9	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	9	8	84	²	756	²
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	²	15	²	15	²
Winter Wheat	BU	220	190	200	175	63	63	12,600	11,025
Barley	BU	55	55	50	51	82	75	4,100	3,825
All Hay	TON	----	----	235	215	3.03	²	711	²
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	65	60	4.4	²	286	²
Other Hay	TON	----	----	170	155	2.5	²	425	²
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	5.7	1.7	1,450	1,400	8,265	2,380
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	260	260	1,222	1,222
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	79,545	76,009	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	72,732	69,191	137.1	136.3	9,968	9,430
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	5,868	²	17	²	99	²
Soybeans	BU	74,496	75,216	72,408	74,137	38.1	39.2	2,758	2,907
Sorghum ¹	BU	9,195	10,047	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,723	8,777	60.9	61	470	536
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	265	²	10.8	²	3	²
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,393	41,078	35,072	31,295	44.7	43.5	1,566	1,361
Barley	BU	5,864	4,967	5,213	4,289	61.1	58.2	319	250
All Hay	TON	----	----	59,854	63,833	2.54	2.54	152	162
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,077	23,750	3.48	3.44	80	82
Other Hay	TON	----	----	36,777	40,083	1.95	2.01	72	81
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	472.4	451.2	2,229	2,299	1,053	1,038
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	66.1	61.4	63.2	59.2	304	296	19	18

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

² Published January 2002

GRAIN STOCKS

Old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 1.90 billion bushels, up 11 percent from September 1, 2000 and the highest level since September 1993. Of the total stocks, 753 million bushels are stored on farms, down 5 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are up 24 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2001 indicated disappearance is 2.03 billion bushels, compared with 1.87 billion bushels during the same period last year. Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 248 million bushels, down 15 percent from September 1, 2000. On-farm stocks totaled 83.5 million bushels, down 26 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks at 164 million bushels, are 7 percent below a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the June-August 2001 marketing year totaled 460 million bushels, down 5 percent from the same quarter in 2000. The 2000 soybean production was revised to 2.76 billion bushels, up 11.9 million bushels from the previous estimate. All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2001 totaled 2.16 billion bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 697 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.46 billion bushels, are down 6 percent from a year ago.



Grain Stocks: by Position, United States, September 1, 2000 - 2001						
2000				2001		
Commodities	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>						
Corn	793,000	924,549	1,717,549	753,150	1,145,557	1,898,707
Soybeans	112,500	177,662	290,162	83,500	164,433	247,933
Sorghum	12,200	53,175	65,375	8,900	32,851	41,751
Oats	101,200	49,177	150,377	74,800	40,923	115,723
Barley	151,700	142,341	294,041	134,800	110,554	245,354
All Wheat	808,390	1,544,280	2,352,670	696,850	1,458,613	2,155,463

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.



NOVEMBER RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 Dairy Products Poultry Slaughter
5 Crop Progress	6	7 Broiler Hatchery	8	9 Crop Production
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